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War Sorrows in London Drive Women to Opium

Many Society Folk Reported Addicted to the Pipe and Other Drug Habits-Ring, Whose Operations Are Worldwide, Unchecked by Law.

USE FILM TINS TO SMUGGLE INTO U. S.

London, Jan. 10.—A craze of opium smoking and the extensive use of other drugs, including cocaine, heroin and ether, has recently been taken up by London women of means and many in society and actresses as well.

Eagerness to alleviate the terrible depression caused by the war has led many cultured women to seek the consolation of drugs, and this desire has been cultivated and exploited by a ring composed largely of Americans, who maintain opium dens on a luxurious scale in the West End.

The activities of the ring are not confined to England. It is a serious business organization, worldwide in its ramingations. Managed by half a dozen principals it maintains established azencies throughout the East, particularly in China and India, and also all over the United Skates, with headquarters in New York. It is largely imported into New York. It is largely imported into New York it is largely imported into New York. It is largely imported into New York by means of personal smuggling, one of the favorite methods of smuggling is to conceal the opium in tins containing moving picture films, which are not likely to be opened or to be even under suspicion. These films are shipped to certain firms who also conduct film trading agencies, but the drug scheme, as may be imagined, is the hugely profitable side of the venture. These opiumed films so The Sus correspondent is inable side of the venture. These opiumed films so THE SUN correspondent is in-formed, have been shipped in large quantitles to New York and up to the present

Traffe Hard to Cheek.

Another means employed is to have

more carriers of opium aboard. Stranded Americans have frequently been employed, as the difference in price between opium here and in America enables the ring to give the carriers, not only a first class passage but also a good sum of money besides. From what The Suncorrespondent has been told, the ring has had great luck with its "carriers," who have all got through safely with the greatest difficulties in coping with the situation, because opium smoking and drug taking are not prohibited under the English law. Opium and similar drugs are not supposed to be sold in England save through a physician's certificate and the same and address of the purchaser, but these difficulties have been surfmented by means of "tame" druggists and "reliable" wholesalers.

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In the case of opium shipped in film in London of two men who are believed to be the principals in the opium ring, tould be extremely dangerous for them to open every fin, thereby running the the illegal traffic. risk of spoiling invaluable films on the mere chance that they contained opium. They say they would require almost ab-

Recently, however, the police in the Recently, however, the police in the London docks have nipped several attempts to ship opium out of the country fraudulently in barrels containing cheeses or grease. Several Chinese have been prosecuted and fined, but the fines

London Authorities Alarmed.

But the society craze for drug taking preading so rapidly, particularly among the better class women, that e which the authorities are seriously A few years ago the drug taking habit. A few years ago th

many. A few days later I read in an evening paper a speech delivered by the Kaiser to his soldiers in which he devening paper a speech delivered by the Kaiser to his soldiers in which he declared that he had learned that two processes in touch with movements and happenings, see it no one has been able to secure he has never been leave the narrow precincts of marrow street. Perhaps it is is world comes to him. Yet. Chinese Moriarty, he seems to mire of a web whose fibres en."

I also had an opportunity of learning of the grief of the Russian Ambassador, who had told one of his friends how he had, in an interview with Emperor Francis Joseph, declared his Gov-

Haven for Expatriated Crooks.

and Expt, where the authorities had been suppressing the optim and hashish habit, offered an illimitable field of operations. The film tin idea was hit upon and the ring got to work in short order. The results were amazing in their success. their success.

Women Taught to Smoke Oplum. Another means employed is to have the opium cooked in pellets ready for use. Thousands of these pellets can be and are carried in the dresses or clothing of passengers to New York and safely of ragtime, raised a demand for some delivered to the headquarters of the ring there.

The men composing the ring have expension to say that during the last were taken and fitted up in luxurious few months scarcely a steamship has left style, and the same methods of tout-like side for New York without one or line which were an emproper when the last of the work of the ware methods of tout-like side for New York without one or line which were an emproper when the last of the last ware methods of tout-like side for New York without one or line which were an emproper when the last of the las this side for New York without one or ing which were so successful when the more carriers of opium aboard. Stranded "chemin de fer" craze was in vogue in

Any fit of depression was seized

under the merchandise act, and then only if a false manifest is found to have been used.

Since the preceding correspondence was written cable despatches to The Sun have brought the news of the arrest

They say they would require almost absolute proof before they would take such SAYS HE SAW KAISER'S ORDER TO SLAUGHTER

were immaterial and the Chinese only minor factors in the game. less Acts Cooled His Pro-Germanism.

Special Correspondence to THE SUS.
PARIS, Jan. 7.—The Matin prints the concerned. Means of grappling with it ate now being discussed, but the suppression of the vice will require the passage of new laws giving the police Carlos and now a leading member of Freater powers than they now possess.

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Which are strongly pro-German:

dope fiends knew just where to go when they arrived in London and wanted their "hop." Like homing ifgeons they made directly for Limehouse Causeway, near the docks. It is a narrow, horrible, darksome street, where lights are few and shadows many. It is not a nice place to visit alone. The houses are of the two story kind, broken here and there by dingy shop fronts. On the left is the haven of the Americans. It is run by a Chinese whose name is known to every American opium fiend from New York to San Francisco. For years it has been the mecca of pipe fiends visiting London. The interior is as dingy as the exterior. Several rooms are lined with rude bunks and the dim light of the oil lamps shows filthy paper and a faded cheap curomo or two.

The changes of intelligence the American when the given to carry on a war of extermination.

"My soul is bursting with grief, wrote the Kalser, 'but it is absolutely necessary to put everything to fire and the sword; men and women, children and aged must be slaughtered; not a single tree must be left upright, nor a roof intact. With such a system of terror, the only one to be followed against a people so debased as the French, it is certain that the war will not last two months, while by proceeding with humanitarian consideration it might be prolonged for years. I am having recourse, then, whatever it may cost me, to this method, which, in sgite of appearances, will greatly diminish bloodshed."

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ITALIANS ALERT IN **HUNT FOR U BOATS**

Fleet Reported to Have Depleted brillians and be looked for. The naved commander in chief, adds the Giornale d'Italia, would probable in the Adriatic.

Special Correspondence to The Sus.

London, Jan. 10.—Only now that the state that the number of Austrian sub-Austro-German submarines have become a serious menace to the Allies' shipping in the Mediterranean is the British public beginning to realize the enormous assistance rendered to the British and French fleets by the Italian pays's constant.

one squadron being replaced by another immediately on return to its base.

The principle governing the activities

of these squadrons has been that, should six lives, the objective justify heroic measures, a warship whose loss would be without material significance should not be spared. As it happens, however, the Italian vessels have encountered hardly any Austrian war vessels except submarines, and of the latter they have had plenty of experience. Each group of Italian cruising ships

undertaking, and the Austrian ships of war, sheltering in their home ports, no longer enjoy their former safety, since war, sheltering in their home ports, no longer enjoy their former safety, since their line of defence is beginning to yield at several points. Thousands of mines have been explorted, a number of islands occupied and most of the lighthouses, signal stations and blockhouses destroyed.

Once this great work has been comably find it possible to telegraph an ex-cellent communique every day, but he refrains from doing so. In due course

Adriate, explains that night and day for the last six months these waters have been spatrolled by Italian squadrons, composed, generally speaking, of cruistrs and torpedo craft of the older types, one squadron being replaced by another immediately on return to its base.

The principle governing the activities

SHELLS KILL 500 CIVILIANS.

Bombardment of Rheims, LONDON, Jan. 9.—Visitors who have been permitted by the French military Britain to the United States is a neces-

IN U. S. WOOL TRADE

London Dealers Think Great Importations Are Meant for Teuton Market.

Special Correspondence to THE SUN.

LONDON, Jan. 10 .- Wool prices, par

French fleets by the Italian navy's con-inuous hunting down of the U boats The Port Said, which was bound from French fleets by the Italian navy's coninuous hunting down of the U boats in the Adriatic Sea.

Despite the recent losses of shipping, the Italian newspapers maintain that their fleet has been remarkably successful in destroying Austrian underwater craft, and they claim that the Austrian's submarines have discharged a total number of torpedoes equal to eleven per ship against the vessels of the Italian patrol squadrons without so far hitting one of them.

The Giornale d'Italia, in the course of an article on the naval operations in the last six months these waters have in getting to work with their guns, and the last six months these waters have in the last six months the submarine sound from Genoa to Somalitand, had on board 268 the German market goods which im the german that the shipped across in the German market goods which im the german in transfer goods which im the german that the ferman market goods which im the german in transfer goods which im the german that the ferman darcos in the German market goods which im the german that allow across in the German

> The Morning Post concludes that the Government must endeavor to put a stop to the export of the raw material from Australasia to the United States. "The 00,000 Missiles Pall in Prolonged view is strongly expressed in trade circles," it says, "that a reimposition of

tion of Germany's economic position to be an extremely difficult task. It declared that Germany is already be-ginning to realize this, in proof of which statement the *Observer* quoted a remarkable article by Herr Stresemann, a member of the Reichstag, which appears n the monthly commercial organ Hanso Bund. The writer of this article admits the world's markets, and that therefore after the war the raw materials of several imporant industries will fail Ger-

Foreign competition, says Herr Stress-mann, will be felt even in the German markets unless measures are taken to prevent it. A large number of German business men advocate special import duties, but Herr Stresemann utters a certain period the amount of imporation of various goods

Vorwaerts, Socialist, combats this It fears an increase of prices ports and the period of dearness would continue after the war, and that should Germany's most important task, says, is to prevent any measure which would have the effect of raising the prices of the necessities of the people and of increasing the cost of living of the cates the optimism of Herr Stresemann and other writers connected with Ger-man industrial circles who assert that after the war there will be a grea demand for labor in Germany.

WANT MORE FOR U. S. BONDS. Insurance Firms Say British Pur

chase Plan Doesn't Compensate. LONDON, Jan. 9 .- The plan of the

Chancellor of the Exchequer, Reginald McKenna, for the purchase by the Brit-ish Government of American securities held in this country in order to steady the exchange when necessary, is meeting with more than one practical dif The greatest objectors to the presen

dor, who had told one of his friends how had had told one of his friends how he had, in an interview with Emperor Francis Joseph, declared his Government ready to make important concessions to avoid war.

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